## Attention potential 2019 Consumer or Low Impact Fireworks Applicants:

This notice is to inform you we are currently unable to process any 2019 applications for consumer sales certificates or low impact registrations due to recent changes in the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act Public Act 256. The changes to Public Act 256 were signed into law on December 31<sup>st</sup> of 2018 by former Governor Snyder. Some of these changes require modifications to our Accela system which is used to apply for certificates/registrations. Please keep in mind, if you still possess a valid 2018 consumer sales certificate that it remains valid until April 30, 2019.

Our fireworks team is working hard to make the necessary changes to Accela that will allow us to quickly begin accepting applications for the 2019 season. We will send out another notice once you are able to apply for certificates/registrations. We apologize for the delay and thank you for your understanding. Please be assured that we will be able to process all applications submitted by April 1, 2019.

We would also like to announce the Bureau of Fire Service is planning a kickoff meeting for the 2019 fireworks season with an informational seminar for any interested consumer/low impact sales applicant. The kick off seminar will occur on February 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00 at the Okemos Conference Center, 2187 University Park Dr., Okemos 48864.

We will have room for 175 people to attend and will begin taking reservations soon. Topics of discussion will include the changes to Public Act 256, application processes, safety fee submittal requirements, certificate and registration closure, NFPA 1124 question and answer session along with a general question and answer session. We will notify you again via email once we begin taking Kick Off Seminar reservations.

We look forward to working with you over the 2019 Fireworks Season.